

I don't think that you should allow the cross-ownership regulations to be repealed. I think this would give a very small number of companies too much control over the information that is available to the public. I think that there should be more regulation over the market share of a media company in an area, not less. The quality of news coverage is already dismal. Even worse, the news that is reported (or unreported) is highly influenced by the advertisers of the media outlet. If television stations and newspapers are owned by the same company, then these advertisers would have control over the entire market giving American citizens less access to news that can greatly effect their lives. The other problem is that controlling corporate interests in the media would become stronger as well and would also work to further restrict news that they see as unfavorable. An example of this is the fact that News Corporation directors are linked to the Cato Institute, Philip Morr!

is, MCI Worldcom, and several other very large companies that make it impossible for them to cover the news accurately. Companies like this should have limited market share so that gaps in their coverage due to corporate bias can be filled in by other news sources. I also think that American citizens need good, comprehensive information much more than these enormous conglomerates need higher profits.